

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawings includes the addition of Figure 3C. This sheet, which includes Figs. 1-4, replaces the original sheet including Figs. 1-4. New Figure 3C depicts that indentations 15 are both in contact with one another, and that the indentations are located at an angle relative to a vertical axis of the tubular member. In particular, the indentations are shown at a 45° angle relative to the vertical axis.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

Annotated Sheet Showing Changes

REMARKS

Entry of the present response is respectfully requested. It is earnestly believed that the present response places the application in condition for allowance, and, thus, entry of the response is appropriate. By the present response, claims 24-29 are pending.

In response to the Advisory Action of February 26, 2007, applicant has submitted an additional figure to show the subject matter of claims 26-27. Specifically, Figure 3C has been added to depict that the indentations both contact one another and are located at an angle relative to the vertical axis of the tubular member (a 45° angle is shown in the figure). Likewise, the specification has been amended accordingly to incorporate reference to new Figure 3C. As the Examiner noted in the Advisory Action, although claims 26-27 do not raise new subject matter since the original claims disclosed it, applicant was required to submit the additional figure. Since the applicant has submitted a new figure which is believed to be in accordance with the Examiner's request, it is respectfully submitted that the present amendment places the application in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. It is respectfully requested that the response be entered and the application allowed.

Respectfully submitted,


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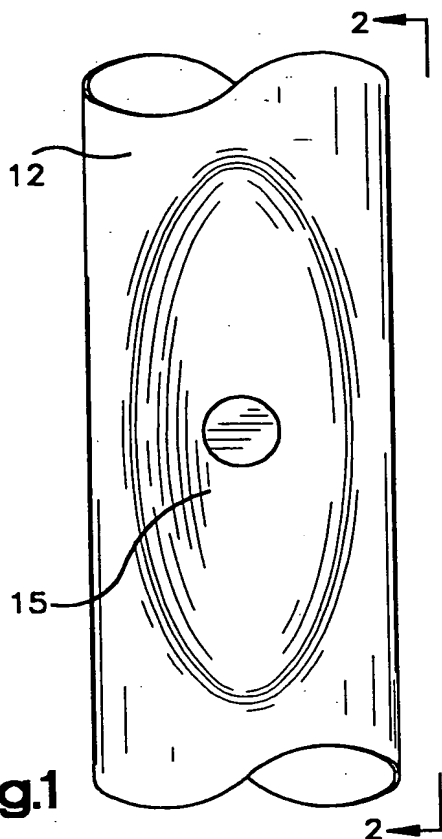


Fig.1

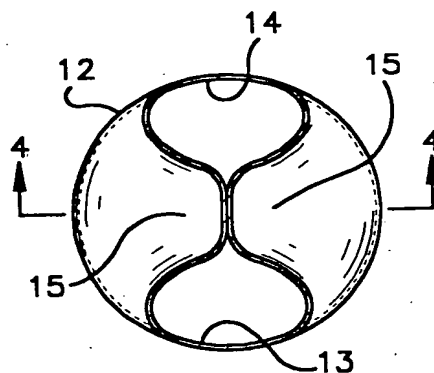


Fig.3A

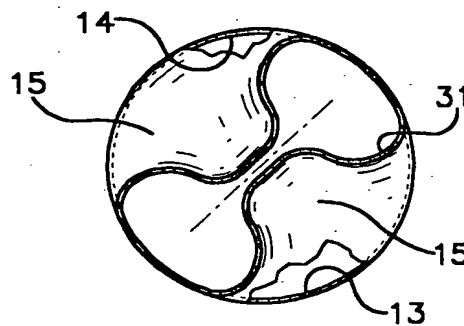


Fig.3B

*New Figure
Added*

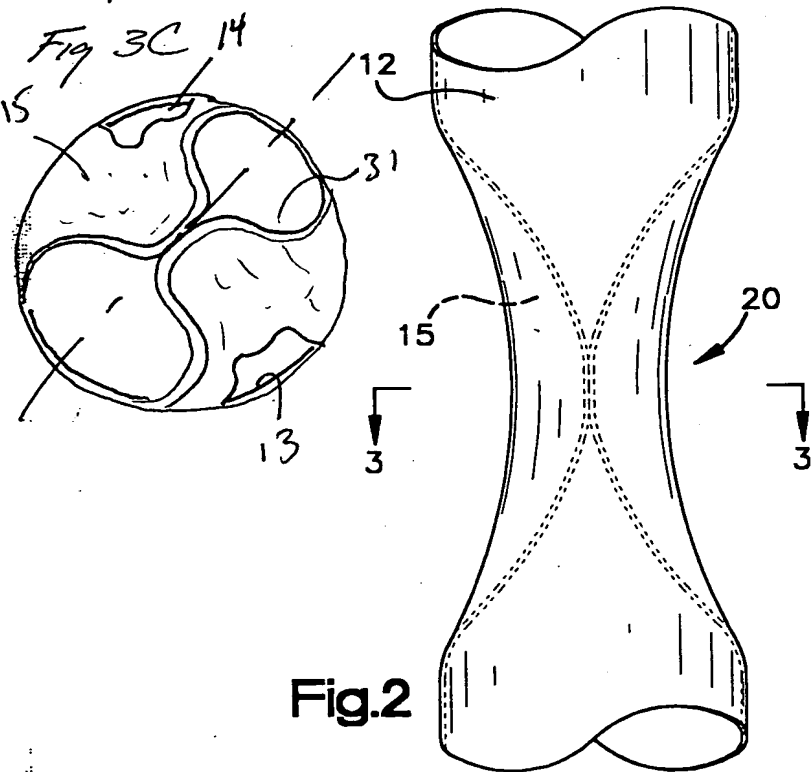


Fig.2

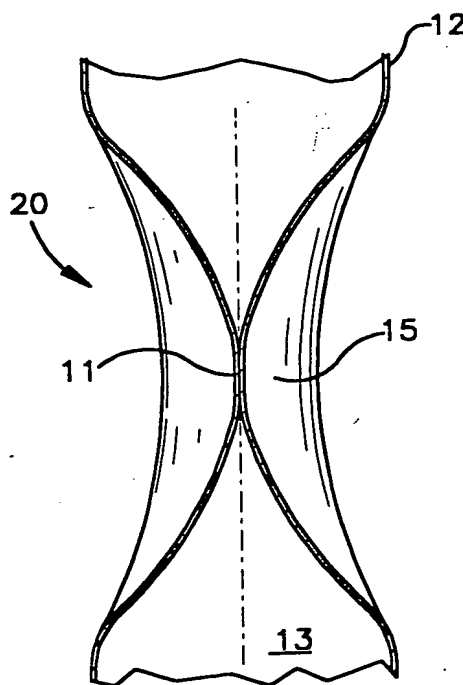


Fig.4